

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Federation of Community Councils Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0063045****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Federation of Community Councils, Inc. - Neighborhoods USA 2011 Conference

State Funding Requested: \$70,000
One-Time Need**House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)****Brief Project Description:**

Anchorage will be sponsoring the national Neighborhoods, USA conference in May 2011.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$250,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds			\$150,000			
Other Funds	\$30,000					
Total	\$30,000		\$150,000			

Explanation of Other Funds:

We have committed \$30,000 of Federation of Community Councils, Inc. funds to this project. We intend to procure other funds to reach our goal of raising \$250,000 for the conference.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Community councils are volunteer neighborhood organizations that are officially recognized in the charter of the Municipality of Anchorage as groups representing public opinion in each area of the Municipality.

The Federation of Community Councils, Inc. (FCC) is registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 C(3) not-for-profit organization that operates the Community Councils Center as a way to provide the community councils with the resources they need to become stronger, more effective grass-roots organizations.

The FCC is organizing the 2011 Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) conference that will be held in Anchorage in May 2011. NUSA is the largest national organization of volunteers affiliated with neighborhood associations around the United States. The NUSA national conference is the leading educational event in the country that promotes democracy at the local government level by giving people the tools and knowledge to be more effective, involved citizens.

Anchorage residents (and other Alaskans) will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in this event as both presenters and attendees. We expect to raise the funds to pay for over 200 Alaskans to attend the conference. Others will serve as volunteers at the event.

This high-profile event will help promote participation in the community councils of Anchorage.

Up to a thousand people will come to Alaska from communities across the country.

The Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates the economic impact of this conference to be \$1.1 million.

Project Timeline:

Planning, organizing, and fundraising has begun and will be complete by May 2011 when the conference will be held in Anchorage.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Federation of Community Councils Inc.

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No